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Security Council

10 a.m.	6000th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Peace and security in Africa

   Note verbale dated 3 October 2008 from the Permanent Mission of Djibouti to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/635)

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

General Committee

10 a.m.	3rd meeting (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items [7]

(a) Inclusion of an item (Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte) (A/BUR/63/1)

(b) Inclusion of an item (Commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Great Famine of 1932-1933 in Ukraine (Holodomor)) (A/63/193)

(c) Inclusion of an item (Observer status in the General Assembly for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria) (A/63/196)

(d) Request for the inclusion of an additional item by the Congo (A/63/233)

(e) Request for the inclusion of an additional item by Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan (A/63/234)

(f) Allocation of agenda item 58 (Report of the Human Rights Council)

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General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held *today*, 23, and *tomorrow*, 24 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The sessions will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway). For further information, including background materials, please consult the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd/>.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 16th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 81 to 96: *item 81* (A/63/97 and A/63/97/Add.1), *item 82* (A/C.1/63/L.12*); *item 83* (A/63/62-S/2008/123 and A/C.1/63/L.3); *item 84*; *item 85* (A/63/139 and A/C.1/63/L.45); *item 86* (A/63/115 (Part I), A/63/115 (Part I)/Add.1 and A/C.1/63/L.1); *item 87* (A/C.1/63/L.7*); *item 88* (A/C.1/63/L.4); *item 89* (A/63/73-S/2008/297, A/63/91, A/63/114, A/63/114/Add.1, A/63/116, A/63/117, A/63/117/Add.1, A/63/120, A/63/120/Add.1, A/63/122, A/63/126, A/63/134, A/63/135, A/63/136, A/63/136/Add.1, A/63/153, A/63/158, A/63/158/Add.1, A/63/170, A/63/170/Add.1, A/63/171, A/63/171/Add.1, A/63/176, A/63/182, A/63/261, A/63/334, A/C.1/63/3, A/C.1/63/4, A/C.1/63/L.5, A/C.1/63/L.6, A/C.1/63/L.8, A/C.1/63/L.9, A/C.1/63/L.10, A/C.1/63/L.14, A/C.1/63/L.16*, A/C.1/63/L.17, A/C.1/63/L.19, A/C.1/63/L.20, A/C.1/63/L.21, A/C.1/63/L.22, A/C.1/63/L.23, A/C.1/63/L.25, A/C.1/63/L.26, A/C.1/63/L.27, A/C.1/63/L.28, A/C.1/63/L.29, A/C.1/63/L.30, A/C.1/63/L.31, A/C.1/63/L.32, A/C.1/63/L.33, A/C.1/63/L.34, A/C.1/63/L.35, A/C.1/63/L.36, A/C.1/63/L.37, A/C.1/63/L.38, A/C.1/63/L.39, A/C.1/63/L.40, A/C.1/63/L.41, A/C.1/63/L.43, A/C.1/63/L.44, A/C.1/63/L.51, A/C.1/63/L.52, A/C.1/63/L.54, A/C.1/63/L.56, A/C.1/63/L.57 and A/C.1/63/L.58); *item 90* (A/63/129, A/63/157, A/63/162, A/63/163, A/63/164, A/63/178, A/C.1/63/L.13, A/C.1/63/L.15, A/C.1/63/L.24, A/C.1/63/L.42, A/C.1/63/L.46, A/C.1/63/L.49, A/C.1/63/L.50, A/C.1/63/L.53); *item 91* (A/63/27 (Supp. 27), A/63/42 (Supp.42)*, A/63/177, A/63/279, A/C.1/63/L.47, A/C.1/63/L.48); *item 92* (A/63/115 (Part II) and A/C.1/63/L.2); *item 93* (A/C.1/63/L.31); *item 94* (A/63/138 and A/C.1/63/L.18); *item 95* (A/63/124 and A/C.1/63/L.55); and *item 96* (A/C.1/63/L.11)

[Other documents: A/C.1/63/1, A/C.1/63/2, A/C.1/63/CRP.1, A/C.1/63/CRP.2/Rev.1, A/C.1/63/INF/1, A/C.1/63/CRP.3, A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.1 and A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.2]

Thematic discussion on the issue of disarmament machinery

Panellists:

President of the Conference on Disarmament; Chairman of UNDC; Chairman of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters; and Director of UNIDIR

[*Note:* The list of side events during the session of the First Committee can be consulted at <www.un.org/disarmament/HomePage/docs/2008/63_session_side_events.pdf>.]

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m. . . . . 15th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

1. Questions relating to information (A/63/21 and A/63/258) . . . . . [32]

General debate

2. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects . . . . . [31]

Introductory statements by the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and by the Officer-in-Charge for field support

Interactive dialogue (closed)

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 16th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. Eradication of poverty and other development issues (A/63/123 and A/C.2/63/3) [53]

(a) Implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017) (A/63/159 and A/63/190)

(b) Industrial development cooperation (A/63/309)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Information and communication technologies for development (A/63/72-E/2008/48 and A/63/180) . . . . . [46]

Introductory statements, followed by "question time"

General discussion

[*Note:* The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible*, to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms and schedule informal "informal" consultations are requested to contact, *no later than 6 p.m. of the day before the meeting*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (917) 367-2603; or e-mail thompsonm@un.org)).

Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.]

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 22nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of human rights (A/63/123, A/63/370-S/2008/614 and A/63/281-S/2008/431) . . . . . [64]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/63/259, A/63/272, A/63/287, A/63/293, A/63/293/Corr.1, A/63/299, A/63/365, A/63/340, A/63/337, A/63/367[1], A/63/486[1], A/63/161, A/63/223, A/63/263, A/63/270, A/63/271, A/63/274, A/63/275, A/63/278, A/63/286, A/63/288, A/63/289, A/63/290*, A/63/292, A/63/313 and A/63/318)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/63/332, A/63/459, A/63/356, A/63/322, A/63/341 and A/63/326)

(e) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (A/63/264 and A/63/264/Corr.1)

Presentations by and dialogue with:

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar;

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; and

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967

3–6 p.m. . . . . 23rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women . . . . . [56 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.13

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family . . . . . [55 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.6

3. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [55 (c)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.4

4. United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all . . . . . [55 (d)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.7

[1]To be issued.

5. Crime prevention and criminal justice . . . . . [97]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/63/L.2 and A/C.3/63/L.11

6. Promotion and protection of human rights (A/63/123, A/63/370-S/2008/614 and A/63/281-S/2008/431) . . . . . [64]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/63/259, A/63/272, A/63/287, A/63/293, A/63/293/Corr.1, A/63/299, A/63/365, A/63/340, A/63/337, A/63/367[1], A/63/486[1], A/63/161, A/63/223, A/63/263, A/63/270, A/63/271, A/63/274, A/63/275, A/63/278, A/63/286, A/63/288, A/63/289, A/63/290*, A/63/292, A/63/313 and A/63/318)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/63/332, A/63/459, A/63/356, A/63/322, A/63/341 and A/63/326)

(e) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (A/63/264 and A/63/264/Corr.1)

Presentations by and dialogue with:

Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment; and

Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living

[1]To be issued.

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 11th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [117]

Information requested in paragraph 17 of General Assembly resolution 62/247 (A/63/369 and A/63/492)

Practices relating to sharing information between the Organization and law enforcement authorities of Member States as well as referrals to such authorities of possible criminal cases related to United Nations staff, United Nations officials and experts on mission (A/63/331 and A/63/492)

Report on the activities of the Procurement Task Force prepared by the Board of Auditors for the General Assembly at its sixty-third session (A/63/167 and A/63/490)

Implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report on Activities of the Procurement Task Force (A/63/167/Add.1 and A/63/490)

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the activities of the Procurement Task Force for the period 1 July 2007 and ending 31 July 2008 (A/63/329 and A/63/490)

Secretary-General transmitting his comments on the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the activities of the Procurement Task Force for the period 1 July 2007 and ending 31 July 2008 (A/63/329/Add.1 and A/63/490)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 117 and 128 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; and Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services: Investigations/Procurement Task Force (A/63/331, A/63/369, A/63/492, A/63/167, A/63/167/Add.1, A/63/329, A/63/329/Add.1, A/63/490, A/63/328 (Section III, Part C), A/63/302 (Part I), A/63/302/(Part I)/Add.1 and A/63/302 (Part I)/Add.2))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on:

Item 116 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/63/5 (Vol. I), A/63/5 (Vol. III), A/63/5 (Vol. IV), A/63/5/Add.1, A/63/5/Add.2, A/63/5/Add.2/Corr.1, A/63/5/Add.3, A/63/5/Add.4, A/63/5/Add.5, A/63/5/Add.6, A/63/5/Add.7, A/63/5/Add.8, A/63/5/Add.9, A/63/5/Add.10, A/63/5/Add.11, A/63/5/Add.12, A/63/169, A/63/327, A/63/327/Add.1, A/63/328 (Section III, Part E) and A/63/474)); and

Item 119 (Programme planning (A/63/16, A/63/6 (Part one), A/63/6 (Prog.1), A/63/6 (Prog.2), A/63/6 (Prog.3), A/63/6 (Prog.4), A/63/6 (Prog.5), A/63/6 (Prog.6), A/63/6 (Prog.7), A/63/6 (Prog.8), A/63/6 (Prog.9), A/63/6 (Prog.10), A/63/6 (Prog.11), A/63/6 (Prog.12), A/63/6 (Prog.13), A/63/6 (Prog.14), A/63/6 (Prog.15), A/63/6 (Prog.16), A/63/6 (Prog.17), A/63/6 (Prog.17)/Corr.1 (Arabic, English and Chinese only), A/63/6 (Prog.18), A/63/6 (Prog.18)/Corr.1 (French only), A/63/6 (Prog.19), A/63/6 (Prog.20), A/63/6 (Prog.21), A/63/6 (Prog.22), A/63/6 (Prog.23), A/63/6 (Prog.23)/Corr.1), A/63/6 (Prog.24), A/63/6 (Prog.25), A/63/6 (Prog.26), A/63/6 (Prog.27) and A/63/70))

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 11th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Sixth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 13th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (A/63/33, A/63/98 and A/63/224) . [78]

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts (A/63/118) . . . . . [76]

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives (A/63/121) . . . . . [77]

Morning[1]–12.30 p.m. . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 73 (Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission)

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 13th meeting of the Committee.

3 p.m. . . . . 14th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts (A/63/118) . . . . . [76]

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives (A/63/121) . . . . . [77]

Afternoon[1]–6 p.m. . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 73 (Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 79 (The rule of law at the national and international levels)

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (tel. 1 (212) 963-5378; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)) if they wish to be inscribed on the list. Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).]

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 14th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Administration of justice
2. Executive session

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

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Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community" (agenda item 114) (General Assembly) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the situation in Afghanistan (agenda item 17) (General Assembly) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Human rights and extreme poverty" (under item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Effects of atomic radiation" (agenda item 27) (Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)) (convened by the delegation of Canada)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

1–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Combating defamation of religions" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Uganda in its capacity as Chair of the OIC Group)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions" (under agenda item 67 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

1.15–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Argentina)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Foreign policy and global health" (under agenda item 44) (convened by the delegation of South Africa)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Promoting development through the reduction and prevention of armed violence, for the Signatory countries of the Geneva Declaration" (convened by the delegation of Switzerland, on behalf of the core group of States of the Geneva Declaration)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.32, entitled "Compliance with non-proliferation, arms limitation and disarmament agreements" (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of the United States)

2.30–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.5, entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 55 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on General Assembly resolution 62/90 (A/RES/62/90), entitled "Promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace" (convened by the delegations of Pakistan and the Philippines)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Trafficking in women and girls" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Operational activities for development" (under agenda item 54) (Second Committee) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency" (under agenda item 80) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Algeria)

3–4 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.43, entitled "Preventing and combating illicit brokering activities" (under agenda item 91) (First Committee) (convened by the delegations of Australia and the Republic of Korea)

4–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

5–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Other meetings

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Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC)

8.45–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

2008 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

9 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-3170B

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on the draft resolutions on macroeconomic issues)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

2–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Council of Presidents of the General Assembly of the United Nations

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

African Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Non-Aligned Movement: Working group on Human Rights (on NAM draft resolutions)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Other activities

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Thursday, 23 October 2008

Special ceremony in observance of World Food Day 2008 (organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations)

From 1 to 2 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. To register, please contact the FAO Liaison Office with the United Nations (tel. 1 (212) 963-6036; e-mail LON-Registry@un.org).]

Briefing by the President and the Vice-President of the International Humanitarian Fact-finding Commission (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Emmanuel Bichet, Permanent Mission of Switzerland (tel. 1 (212) 286-1540, ext. 1151; e-mail emmanuel.bichet@eda.admin.ch).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

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Room S-226

10 a.m.	H.E. Mr. Donville Inniss, Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and International Business of Barbados; and Mr. Luis Fernando Andrade Falla, Secretary-General of the Association of Caribbean States (on the work of the Association to designate the Caribbean Sea as a special area in the context of sustainable development)
Guest 12 noon	Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) (on *Paint for the Planet*, an exhibit, organized by UNEP, involving young artists from around the world, whose work will be auctioned to raise funds for UNICEF)
1.30 p.m.	Mr. Tomás Ojea Quintana, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar
2.30 p.m.	Mr. Vitit Muntarbhorn, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

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Interactive Panel on the Global Financial Crisis

An Interactive Panel on the Global Financial Crisis will be held on Thursday, 30 October 2008, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The panellists invited are Prof. Joseph Stiglitz (United States), Dr. François Houtart (Belgium), Prof. Prabhat Patnaik (India) and Dr. Pedro Páez (Ecuador).

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 16 October 2008, was sent by facsimile to all Permanent Representatives and Observers.

General Assembly
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Informal consultations of the process on strengthening international environmental governance will be held on Thursday, 30 October 2008 at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Review Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will be held in October and November 2008. The schedule of meetings and the draft outcome document are posted on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

All accredited stakeholders are invited to attend the drafting sessions; although only representatives of Governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the Co-Facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers for the thematic segment of the Committee's work (14 to 27 October) are kindly requested to contact Mr. Renato Monteiro (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-4193; e-mail monteiror@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to the secretariat of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Requests for inscription on the list of speakers on agenda items allocated to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) should be sent to Mr. Martin Vrastiak (room S-2977JJ; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail vrastiak@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. John Pabon, room S-2977NN; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Second Committee

Panel discussion

The Second Committee will hold a panel discussion on "Globalization and health" on Friday, 24 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2, to address challenges to public health systems and communicable disease interventions in the context of globalization and contribute to a holistic approach to health and development.

The panel discussion is jointly organized by the Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the World Health Organization. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Masumi Ono, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination (tel. 1 (917) 367-4096; e-mail ono@un.org).

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Ms. Jennifer De Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Reservation of rooms for informal "informal" consultations

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms and schedule informal "informal" consultations are requested to contact, *no later than 6 p.m. of the day before the meeting*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (917) 367-2603; or e-mail thompsonm@un.org)).

Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.

Third Committee

Listed below is the tentative schedule (subject to change) for introductory statements by Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives, Independent Experts and Chairpersons of Working Groups who will be presenting reports to the Third Committee:

Friday, 24 October 2008
10 a.m.

Ms. Yakin Ertürk, Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences (oral report); Ms. Margaret Sekaggya, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders; and Mr. Leandro Despouy, Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers

3 p.m.

Mr. Philip Alston, Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions; and Mr. Vernor Muñoz Villalobos, Special Rapporteur on the right to education

Monday, 27 October 2008
10 a.m.

Mr. Arjun Sengupta, Chairperson of the Working Group on the Right to Development (oral report); Mr. Olivier de Schutter, Special Rapporteur on the right to food; and Mr. Cephas Lumina, Independent expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights

3 p.m.

Mr. Walter Kalin, Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons; Mr. Anand Grover, Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health; and Mr. John Ruggie, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises

Monday, 3 November 2008
10 a.m.

H.E. Ms. Najat Al-Hajjaji, Chairperson of the Durban Review Conference Preparatory Committee; Ms. Fatimata-Binta Victoire Dah, Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (oral report); and

Mr. Githu Muigai, Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

3 p.m.

Mr. Alexander Ivanovich Nikitin, Chairperson of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

List of speakers

The list of speakers on all agenda items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Requests for inscription should be sent to Ms. Nancy Beteta (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail beteta@un.org).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Mr. Moncef Khane, Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Third Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Maria Thompson (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; tel. 1 (917) 367-2603).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Friday, 24 October 2008, at 10 a.m. and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.10, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 9.30 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Missing persons" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Azerbaijan)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 9.30 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (under agenda item 60 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Uruguay)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.9, entitled "Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.8, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B;

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B; and

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on "Elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of France)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Human rights and extreme poverty" (under item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Year for Human Rights Learning" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Benin)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 56 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Armenia)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Egypt)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on Programme 19 (under agenda item 119) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and the Netherlands)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3, entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 55 (e)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on draft resolution entitled "The right to food" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Cuba)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.17, entitled "Indigenous issues" (under agenda item 61) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Guatemala)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the role of the Ombudsman and mediation institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the situation in Afghanistan (agenda item 17) (General Assembly) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe" (under agenda item 114 (g)) (General Assembly) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of migrants" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on operational activities for development (under agenda item 54) (Second Committee) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Trafficking in women and girls" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the convention on Biological Diversity (CDB) (under agenda item 49 (f)) (Second Committee) (convened by the delegation of Portugal)

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Other forthcoming meetings

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International Criminal Court (informal consultations on the Court's 2009 budget)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Asian Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 24 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Information meeting on the draft resolution entitled "Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural rights" (under agenda item 61) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Eastern European Group (at the expert level)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 10 to 10.45 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal meeting for delegations on the draft omnibus resolution under agenda item 39 (Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Norway)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Forthcoming other activities

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Panel discussion on "Seizing the moment: Breakthrough measures to build a new East West consensus on weapons of mass destruction" (co-organized by the East West Institute and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, in cooperation with the British American Security Information Council (BASIC), the Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) and the NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace and Security)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[The keynote address will be given by the Secretary-General of the United Nations. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail UNODA-web@un.org).]

Briefing by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its *Trade and Development Report 2008*

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend.]

Panel discussion on "The United Nations Human Rights Defenders Declaration after ten years: Protecting rights in a changing world" (organized by Human Rights First, the International Service for Human Rights and the Permanent Mission of Norway)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Azin Tadjdini, Permanent Mission of Norway (tel. 1 (212) 310-1549; e-mail azta@mfa.no).]

Briefing by the Bureau of the eighth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests on the Open-ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework (Vienna, 10–14 November 2008)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 1.15 to 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Barbara Tavora-Jainchill, United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (tel. 1 (917) 367-3265; e-mail tavora-jainchill@un.org).]

Briefing on the outcome of the Country-Led Initiative on Financing for Sustainable Forest Management, in support of the United Nations Forum on Forests (organized by the Permanent Mission of Suriname)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 1.45 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact H.E. Mr. Henry L. Mac Donald, Permanent Mission of Suriname (tel. 1 (212) 826-0660).]

Open-ended consultations on a regional meetings series in follow-up to the Third Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons (organized by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Vera Hanus, Conventional Arms Branch (tel. 1 (917) 367-9254; e-mail hanus@un.org).]

Forthcoming meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework
United Nations Office at Vienna

The Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework will meet in Vienna from Monday, 10, to Friday, 14 November 2008. In order to facilitate the issuance of identification badges by the United Nations Office at Vienna, Member States are requested to communicate the composition of their Delegations to the secretariat of the Forum (fax 1 (917) 367-3186; room DC1-1245; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401 and 1 (212) 963-3160). For further information, please visit the UNFF Web site at <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Announcements

Launch of the new Web site of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its newly revamped and improved Web site <www.un.org/disarmament>. For further information, please e-mail UNODA-web@un.org.

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 21 October 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

13th meeting

The Committee continued its second stage of work, namely the "Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under items 81 to 96".

The thematic discussion on conventional weapons was continued.

The Chairperson opened the exchange with the Chairman of the Third Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects.

The meeting was suspended for an informal question-and-answer period.

The meeting was resumed.

A statement was made by the Chairman of the Dublin Conference on Cluster Munitions.

Statements were made by the representatives of Chile, Japan, South Africa, Pakistan, Jordan, Norway, Argentina, Jamaica, Mali, Kazakhstan, Switzerland, Austria, Colombia, Nigeria, Belarus, Fiji, Finland and New Zealand.

Draft resolutions were introduced by the representatives of Japan ("The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects"); Jordan ("Mine Ban Treaty (Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction)"); Argentina ("Information on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms"); and Mali ("Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and light weapons and collecting them").

The Chairperson made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

A statement was made by the representative of China.

14th meeting

The Committee continued its second stage of work, namely the "Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under items 81 to 96".

The thematic discussion on conventional weapons was continued.

The Chairperson opened the exchange with the Chairman of the Group of Governmental Experts established to consider further steps to enhance cooperation with regard to the issue of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus.

The meeting was suspended for an informal question-and-answer period.

The meeting was resumed.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Lithuania, the United States, Trinidad and Tobago, Sweden, Australia, Cuba, Indonesia, Mozambique, Thailand, Turkey, India, the Republic of Korea, Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, Uruguay, Israel, the United Kingdom, the United Republic of Tanzania and Burkina Faso (on behalf of ECOWAS).

Draft resolutions were introduced by the representatives of Sweden ("Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects"); Australia ("Preventing and Combating Illicit Brokering Activities"); and the United Kingdom ("Towards an Arms Trade Treaty: establishing common international standards for the import, export and transfer of conventional arms").

In the exercise of the right of reply, statement was made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

Wednesday, 22 October 2008

Security Council

5999th meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. B. Lynn Pascoe, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Pascoe.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

30th plenary meeting

Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council . . . . . [103 (b)]

(a) By-election: Letter dated 17 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Iceland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/63/493)

The President drew the attention of the General Assembly to a letter addressed to the President of the General Assembly by the Permanent Representative of Iceland to the United Nations, by which Iceland announced that it would relinquish its seat on the Economic and Social Council for the remainder of its term, in favour of Norway (A/63/493).

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Norway (154 votes) was elected member of the Economic and Social Council for a term of office beginning 1 January 2009 and ending on 31 December 2010.

(b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Côte d'Ivoire (179 votes), Estonia (177 votes), France (168 votes), Germany (178 votes), Greece (177 votes), Guatemala (180 votes), Guinea Bissau (177 votes), India (179 votes), Japan (177 votes), Liechtenstein (170 votes), Mauritius (178 votes), Morocco (174 votes), Namibia (179 votes), Peru (176 votes), Portugal (179 votes), Saint Kitts and Nevis (180 votes), Saudi Arabia (180 votes) and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (177 votes) were elected members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term of office beginning 1 January 2009.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 103.

Main Committees

First Committee

15th meeting

The Committee continued its second stage of work, namely the "Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under items 81 to 96".

The thematic discussion on conventional weapons was continued.

Statements were made by the representatives of Gabon, China, Ecuador, Germany, Senegal, Kenya, the Netherlands, Paraguay, Zambia, Togo, Mexico, Ireland, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Draft resolutions were introduced by the representatives of Germany ("Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus") ("Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures"); the Netherlands ("Transparency in armaments"); and Ireland ("Convention on Cluster Munitions").

The Chairman then concluded the thematic discussion on conventional weapons and opened the thematic discussion on other disarmament measures and international security.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), the Russian Federation, Singapore, Cuba, India, Mexico, Japan and the Republic of Korea.

Draft resolutions were introduced by the representatives of Indonesia ("Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation") ("Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control") ("Relationship between disarmament and development") ("Effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium"); the Russian Federation ("Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security"); India ("Role of Science and Technology in the context of international security and disarmament (decision)"); and Mexico ("United Nations Study on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education") ("United Nations Disarmament Information Programme").

The Chairman then concluded the thematic discussion on other disarmament measures and international security and opened the thematic discussion on regional disarmament and security.

The meeting was suspended in order to hear a statement by the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs in an informal setting.

The meeting was resumed.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

14th meeting

Questions relating to information . . . . . [32]

The Committee heard a statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Communication and Public Information.

Interactive dialogue

The Committee held an interactive dialogue with the Under-Secretary-General and heard questions and comments by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Senegal, France (on behalf of the European Union) and the Syrian Arab Republic, the observer for Palestine and the representatives of Japan and Argentina.

General debate

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Jamaica (on behalf of CARICOM), the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Myanmar, Egypt, India, Morocco, Pakistan, China, the Russian Federation and Israel.

The Under-Secretary-General for Communication and Public Information made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that action on draft resolution A/C.4/63/L.2/Rev.1 (agenda item 28) would be taken on Friday, 24 October.

Second Committee

14th–15th meetings — The summary of the 14th and 15th meetings of the Second Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/208).

Third Committee

20th meeting — *Promotion and protection of human rights* . . . . . [64]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The Committee began its joint consideration of the sub-items and heard an address by the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The Committee engaged in a dialogue with the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in which the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Benin, Lebanon, Canada, China, Egypt, Liechtenstein, Chile, the Sudan, Argentina, the Russian Federation, New Zealand, Thailand, Australia, the United States, Colombia, Pakistan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Algeria, Switzerland, Malaysia, the United Kingdom, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Cuba participated.

The Committee heard an address by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General. It then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Adviser, in which the representatives of Myanmar, Indonesia, Liechtenstein and Thailand participated.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

21st meeting — *Promotion and protection of human rights* . . . . . [64]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the sub-items.

The Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Greece, Indonesia, Canada, Israel, Denmark, the Netherlands, Lebanon and the Islamic Republic of Iran, as well as with the observer for Palestine.

The Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Switzerland, Gambia, the United States, Denmark, Spain, Cuba, Mexico, Turkey, Algeria, Liechtenstein and Pakistan.

The Independent Expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of France, Chile, Indonesia, Switzerland, Brazil, Guatemala, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Cameroon and Peru.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Fifth Committee

10th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 . . . . . [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Information technology

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/62/793, A/62/793/Corr.1, A/62/793/Add.1, A/62/510/Rev.1, A/62/477, A/62/502, A/61/290 and A/61/826).

The Committee had before it the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/60/582 and A/63/140).

The Senior Adviser on Information Management Policy Coordination, Secretariat of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, introduced the comments of the Secretary-General and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (A/60/582/Add.1 and A/63/140/Add.1).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/63/487, A/62/7/Add.31, A/61/478 and A/62/537).

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), Switzerland (also on behalf of Liechtenstein), Singapore, the Republic of Korea, the United States, the Russian Federation and Japan.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on that day, Wednesday, 22 October, in the morning, in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of Ms. Sharon Ho (Malaysia).

Sixth Committee

12th meeting

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization . . . . . [78]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 78.

The Chairman of the 2008 session of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization introduced the report of the Special Committee (A/63/33).

The Deputy Director of the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, made a statement on the status of the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs*.

The Chief of the Security Council Practices and Charter Research Branch, Department of Political Affairs, made a statement on the status of the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council*.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kenya (on behalf of the African Group), Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), France (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Turkey and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Montenegro and Serbia; the EFTA country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine and Armenia, which aligned themselves with the declaration), Belarus, China, India, Egypt, Nigeria, the Sudan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Côte d'Ivoire, Iraq, Cuba, the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic, Senegal, Japan, Trinidad and Tobago, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Turkey, the United States and Yemen.

Corrigendum

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Third Committee

Corrigendum to the summary of the 18th and 19th meetings of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 2008/206, p. 28): the summary of the meetings *should read* as follows:

18th meeting

Indigenous issues . . . . . [61]

(a) Indigenous issues

(b) Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

The Committee resumed its general discussion of agenda item 61 and its sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Ecuador, Bolivia and Nicaragua.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of sub-items 61 (a) and 61 (b).

Promotion and protection of human rights . . . . . [64]

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-items and heard an introductory statement by the Director, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, New York.

The representatives of Algeria and the Russian Federation posed questions and made comments to the Director, Office of the High Commission for Human Rights, New York.

General discussion

The Committee began its general discussion under sub-item (a) of agenda item 64 and heard statements by the representatives of Suriname (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), France (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries), the Sudan, Algeria, Japan, Sri Lanka, the United States, Iraq, China, India and the Republic of Korea.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of sub-item 64 (a).

The Committee then began its general discussion under sub-item (d) of agenda item 64 and heard statements by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Egypt and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

19th meeting

Advancement of women . . . . . [56]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.12

The representative of the Netherlands introduced the draft resolution, also on behalf of Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Benin, Bulgaria, Canada, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Chile, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and the United Kingdom, who joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Bhutan, Brazil, the Congo, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Mozambique, Nigeria, Panama, Slovakia, Switzerland and the United Republic of Tanzania joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.14

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(a) Advancement of women

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.15

The representative of Senegal introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of Argentina, Armenia, the Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Canada, the Congo, Honduras, Liberia, Mauritius, Mongolia, Norway, Peru, Poland, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Togo, Turkey and Zimbabwe.

Benin, Brazil, Chile, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, Lesotho, Monaco, Panama, the Republic of Moldova and Sri Lanka joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Promotion and protection of human rights . . . . . [64]

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

The Committee continued its general discussion of sub-item (d) of agenda item 64 and heard statements by the representatives of Austria, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of sub-item 64 (d).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Accession: Dominican Republic (21 October 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Kenya
H.E. Mr. Zachary Muburi-Muita

Asian States:
Indonesia
H.E. R.M. Marty Natalegawa

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mrs. Simona Mirela Miculescu

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Brazil
H.E. Mrs. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti

Western European and other States:
Ireland
H.E. Mr. John Paul Kavanagh

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A/63/473	Item 62 (a) — Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance — Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/486	Item 64 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/487	Items 118 and 132 — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations — Information and communications technology — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/63/493	Item 103 (b) — Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council — Letter dated 17 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Iceland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
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A/C.1/63/L.10	Item 89 (y) — General and complete disarmament: confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context — Bangladesh, Kuwait, Malaysia, Pakistan, Syrian Arab Republic and Ukraine: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/C.1/63/L.12*	Reissued for technical reasons [AC E F R S]
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	Madagascar, Malaysia, Mauritius, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Philippines, Samoa, Sudan and Viet Nam: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/C.1/63/L.16*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
A/C.1/63/L.20	Item 89 (m) — General and complete disarmament: promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation — Indonesia: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/C.1/63/L.24	Item 90 (d) — Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament — Indonesia: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/C.1/63/L.25	Item 89 — General and complete disarmament — Indonesia: draft resolution — Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol [A C E F R S]
A/C.1/63/L.32	Item 89 — General and complete disarmament — Afghanistan, Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Haiti, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Palau, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: draft resolution — Compliance with non-proliferation, arms limitation and disarmament agreements and commitments [A C E F R S]
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A/C.1/63/L.37	Item 89 (i) — General and complete disarmament: establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia — Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/C.1/63/L.47	Item 91 (b) — Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: Report of the Conference on Disarmament — Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): draft resolution [A C E F R S]
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S/2008/661	Letter dated 17 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/663	Letter dated 16 October 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/664	Letter dated 20 October 2008 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2008/665	Letter dated 16 October 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/666	Letter dated 20 October 2008 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5997	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5998	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/PRST/2008/38	Statement by the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
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Secretariat	
ST/ADM/SER.B/693	Assessment of Member States' contributions for the financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan (UNMIS) from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2008 [E F S (only)]
ST/ADM/SER.B/726	Credit from unencumbered balance and other income for the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) for the period ended 30 June 2006 [E F S (only)]

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